

Appln No. 10/020,718
Amdt date April 30, 2004
Reply to Office action of April 5, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-31 and 63-72 are presently pending, of which claims 1, 21 and 31 are independent. Applicant sincerely thanks the Examiner for her time in discussing and reviewing the subject application. Applicant is concurrently filing herewith a Request for Continued Prosecution of the subject application.

As described to the Examiner, Applicant has now amended independent claims 1, 21 and 31 to include a limitation directed to the claimed system affirmatively preventing a learning item from appearing in a learning trial based upon the priority score. Applicant makes this amendment to address the Examiner's concern that the term "restricts" or "restricting" as formerly present in claims 1 and 31 still read on the primary Ditto reference, which uses a particular biased random selection process to determine the occurrence of a learning item. With this Amendment, Applicant also added the notion of preventing the occurrence of a learning item to claim 21 to distinguish that claim as well from the relied upon references.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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